مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 March 2004 - 08:00 20 March 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	5	3	8	Incl. 4 children
Physical Assault	1	_	1	Child beaten by Israeli soldier
Attacks	6	9	15	Incl. attack on 3 Nat Sec posts
Raids	16	1	17	
Arrests (per person)	13	_	13	Incl. 1 officer
Detentions	3	_	3	
House Occupations	3	_	3	
Curfew	1	_	1	
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	6		6	
Closures (per District)	3	_	3	Incl. Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	_	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	1 Partially open for cargo
Attack on Hospital	1		1	Raid on hospital
TOTAL	58	17	75	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a strict closure on Jerusalem and to prevent residents from other districts from entering the city and reaching Al Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers. Worshipers were forced to pray at checkpoints and in public areas. Wall Construction: Wall construction in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, Sur Bahir and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint was suspended for the weekened Preparatory work, including land levelling, for construction of the Wall in Beit Surik and Qatanna remains suspended by order of the Israeli Supreme Court. Attack: An Israeli Police officer shot and injured 1 civilian in the old city of Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the Wall in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya was suspended for the weekend. Raids: At 01:30, the Israeli army and 2 Israeli police jeeps raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, detained civilians, set up a checkpoint in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayit, and forced 1 civilian to strip and remain without clothing until 03:00. At 00:40, 8 Israeli army jeeps raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian.
JENIN	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River was suspended for the weekend. Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jaba' and searched 1 house.

JERICHO	Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the northern and southern entrances of the city, leading to the cities of Jerusalem and Hebron. Attack: At 12:45, confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army near Bilal mosque, north of the city. 2 civilians were injured, including 1 child by live fire to the chest. Raids: At 13:45, 4 APCs raided the city of Bethlehem, patrolled the area and remained positioned in the city until morning. At 17:15, the Israeli army raided Al 'Azza refugee camp and detained several civilians. At 01:50, 4 Israeli army jeeps and an armoured detainees carrier raided the village of Al Khadr and Duheisha refugee camp and patrolled the area.
TULKAREM	 Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Bal'a, searched vehicles and arrested 1 officer. At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road of Al Kafriyat and prevented civilians from entering or leaving the city. At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the town of Deir Ghusun. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. Raids/Physical Assault: At 08:40, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp. At 17:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Shufa, imposed curfew and searched several houses. At 19:35, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, occupied 3 houses and converted them into military posts, beat 1 child, opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian who was hospitalised, and raided the hospital to examine the ID of the injured civilian. At 17:40, several Israeli army jeeps raided the town of Deir Ghusun. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Nur Shehadeh at Bal'a checkpoint.
NABLUS	• Raid: At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, opened indiscriminate fire, injuring a 12-year-old child, searched 1 house and arrested 7 civilians.

HEBRON	 Raid: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kharsa: Yusif Al Shahait; and Muhammad Al Dahdur.
QALQILYA	 Flying Checkpoints: At 18:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Azzun and Kafr Thulth, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. Raid: At 21:20, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area.
SALFIT	 Attack: At 20:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Tel Irsal, near the city of Salfit, towards Wadi Abdul Rahman. Raids: At 16:30, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Salfit, opened indiscriminate fire and fired sound bombs. The Israeli army raided the village of Zeita and arrested 1 unidentified civilian.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: The Erez crossing was closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 16:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 27 towards a Palestinian National Security location north of Beit Hanoun.
GAZA CITY	 Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. The Israeli army closed Karni crossing. Attacks: At 14:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 2 Palestinian

	National Security locations south of the city of Gaza. (ii) At 18:20, and again at 21:05, the Israeli army opened intensive towards the area of Al Haj Fadil south of the city of Gaza.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closures: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians over the age of 35. Abu Holi road was partially open. Attacks: At 17:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 7 towards civilian houses in the area of Al Delta and injured Fatima Al Jallad, 8 years old, by live fire to the head. At 17:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 12 towards the area of Al Maqabir and Al Nimsawi neighbourhood. Raid: At 19:55, Israeli troops raided the area south the road of Kissufim/Al Qarara and conducted a search campaign in the area of Al Sumira.
RAFAH	 Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. The Israeli army partially opened the Sufa crossing to special cargo. Attack: At 12:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 7 towards civilian houses near Salah Ad Din Gate, injuring 2 civilians, including an 8-year-old boy.

GENERAL

WORKERS	• <u>Gaza Strip</u> : At 16:25, the Israeli army terminated the employment of workers and security guards in the Erez Industrial area without justification
POLITICAL PRISONERS	Solitary Confinement: The Israeli prison administration of Ayalon Prison extended the period of solitary confinement of prisoners Ahmad Al Barghouti and Musa Dudeen for an additional year. Both prisoners are being held under extremely harsh prison conditions.